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SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" പൊന്നാനിയിൽ എത്ര ഹരിജൻ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു സ്കോളർഷിപ്പുകൾ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു് ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Since the policy of the national Government is to abolish once for all the evil of social discrimination as between Harijans and caste Hindus in our society and since we are determined to abolish once for all in one generation this discrimination of caste existing in our society will the Government consider the desirability of permitting some of the Harijans that have come up at least to the level of the Backward classes to be included in the list of Backward classes or advanced Hindus so that the really socially and economically Backward Harijans can be benefited by the Government's scheme for their uplift? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the proposal is rather complicated and full of contradictory statements. I would like the hon. Member to send a written memorandum to me. We will examine it."

Licence for the tapping of sweet toddy.

* 342 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Malabar District Co-operative Registrar has recently passed an order that if an ex-toddy-tapper wants to get licence from the Jaggery Co-operative Society, he has to furnish two personal sureties from two other jaggery toddy-tappers and to sign a printed form in which it is written that if one toddy-tapper or the licensee is given any puishment for any offence, all the three will have to get the punishment, and if so, what are the reasons for this new order?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" One of the conditions prescribed for the issue of licences to members of jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies for the tapping of sweet juice requires that every member to whom a licence is issued should produce two other tappers as sureties who should guarantee for the proper use of the licence granted to the member. This condition has not been newly introduced now but it has been in force since November 1947. The condition is necessary as a safeguard against misuse of the licences."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, this condition is enforced recently. In view of the fact that it creates a lot of difficulties for the ex-toddy tappers to get licences and in view of the fact that it is illegal from the point of law to punish one person for a crime committed by another person, will the Government be pleased to reconsider this and veto this order? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The law does permit security being taken. It is not a case of criminal punishment but it is an assurance or recognizance taken from the sureties."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware that in spite of the stringent conditions imposed, licences issued for the tapping of this juice are ill-used, misused and abused with the connivance of the police? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we have to tolerate a certain amount of cheating and fraud." (Laughter.)

Payment of compensation to the Tiruchirappalli United Cricket Club.

* 343 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Tiruchirappalli United Cricket Club have applied for assignment of vacant land T.S. No. 399/1-D within the municipal limits of Tiruchirappalli town in Tiruchirappalli district for use as a playground;

(b) if so, when the application was made;

(c) the stage of consideration of the application;

(d) whether the original site T.S. No. 977/3 assigned to and used by the public and the Tiruchirappalli United Cricket Club has been resumed for the construction of the District Medical head-quarters; and

(e) if so, when and whether any compensation was paid to the Tiruchirappalli United Cricket Club?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The application was made on 4th May 1949.

" (c) It was disposed of in December 1951.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) No compensation was paid to the Club."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know how the application has been disposed of? Has any alternative site been given to the Club? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. An alternative site has been given and they have been permitted to use it."

SRI A. RAMASAMY TEVAR :—" In view of the fact that when Rajaji was the Chief Minister, the land was given to the Tiruchirappalli United Cricket Club for use as a playground and it was subsequently taken over by the Government for the construction of the Headquarters hospital and in view of the fact that many representations were made to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue